

Village of Beulah
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The Village of Beulah met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. by President Jeri VanDePerre at the Village Hall 7228 Commercial Street, Beulah, Michigan.

Present: Trustees Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre

Excused: Trustee Loll

Staff Present: Superintendent Cypert, Treasurer Lumm, Clerk Olney

Public Present: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Vicki Carpenter, Jessica Carland, Mary Szwed, Kirk Smith, Peggy Clarke

Conflict of Interest by any council member: None

Agenda: Motion by Heniser, seconded by Browning, to approve the agenda as amended, adding New Business #6 Master Plan Update. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Downs, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2024 regular meeting as presented. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Bills:

Motion by Downs, seconded by Heniser, to approve payment of the bills for January 2024 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

Communication to Council:

Jessica Carland, Executive Director – Benzie Bus, gave the 2023 annual report; 2023 was their second highest ridership; school ridership has increased with school of choice; have received two new vehicles after a 2-1/2 year wait; have been working on a 3-5 year expansion plan; there is a desire for Sunday service; looking for new partnerships with businesses.

Commissioner Nye reported that the County Commission met in the morning and approved a MOU for 12 hour shifts at the sheriff department; Cherry Capital Connection gave a presentation regarding broadband; the board approved three requests for use of the opioid funds; dispatch and corrections openings at the jail; will move forward with a Headlee Rollback election; County At A Glance papers are complete – will leave some here at the office for the people if they would like one.

ZA Cypher, Zoning Administrator, reported that he issued one land use permit for 76 N. Benzie; Application for ZBA hearing on February 27 @ 1:00 p.m. has been paid for, he will provide a staff report with the facts for you to decide; all notices have gone out for the hearing; Planning Commission meets Tuesday February 20 at 4:00 p.m.; survey results hard copy has been provided to each of you.

Treasurer's Report – Margaret Lumm reported that the first deposit to Michigan CLASS of \$100,000 was completed on January 30, 2024; additional funds have been transferred so far; moved the tax savings funds to General Fund then out to Michigan CLASS; \$6,000 Act 51 money has been received.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Downs, to accept the Treasurer's report for January 2024 as presented. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Trustee Smith: Water/Sewer – reported that he continues to research to find properties not being charged properly with sump pumps and REUs.

President VanDePerre stated that she will be reaching out to Senator Bergman regarding ear-marked funds that may be available.

Trustee Hook: Law/Finance – No report.

Trustee Browning: Buildings/Grounds – Planning Commission meeting was held January 16 and the Crystal Lake Watershed was in attendance; spoils are being removed; cameras are all set; would like to see a comprehensive IT strategy; will be working at an early voting site 8 am – 4 pm.

Trustee Heniser: Parks & Recreation – reported that the Beach permit has been kicked back again; will need to solicit bids for beach sand again this year; more signage on the beach is needed; RV Park Manager – 7 resumes received with 1 or 2 looking good; security cameras are being installed at the RV Park and Beach; returning reservations have now closed and he will start to go through the wait list; exploring a web-based reservations program.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Smith, to move forward with the ResNexus registration program for the RV Park and authorize purchase in 2024. Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

2024 Boat Dock Rules & Applications:

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Hook, to adopt the 2024 Boat Rules and Regulations with changes as discussed, subject to receipt of permit from EGLE.

Motion by Hook, seconded by Heniser, to amend to include approval of the Application.

Roll call. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Trustee Loll: Streets & Sidewalks – excused

Trustee Downs: Equipment – No report.

Superintendent Cypert: Jeff indicated that cameras are going up and should be completed in a couple of days; fence supplies are all in, but it is too wet to start; generator arrived yesterday.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Correspondence:

1. Out of Village Sewer Connections Letter – Information only – letter is placed on the village website.

8:13 p.m. Public Input

Peggy Clarke, 10 S Center Street, says thank you to Margaret for working with her regarding the RTS charges and providing the rate from March 22, 2023; thank you to Jeff for cleaning up the turn around on Lake St.

Vicki Carpenter, 6923 Crystal Ave, says thank you for your support with Winter Fest; this was the biggest number of people for the chili cookoff – 174 votes – 220 people.

Mary Szwed, 6625 Crystal Ave, referred to the sewer project public hearing at the Mills and there was talk about coming up with some bullet points for a letter for us to use.

8:18 p.m. Public Input Closed

Next meeting: March 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Heniser, seconded by Smith, to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Ayes: Browning, Downs, Heniser, Hook, Smith and VanDePerre Nays: None Exc: Loll Motion carried.

Dawn Olney
Beulah Village Clerk